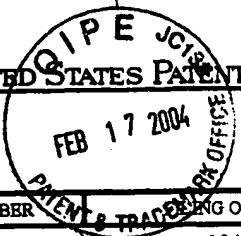




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The above-identified application is abandoned for failure to timely or properly reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed on 10/03/2001.

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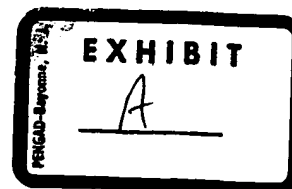
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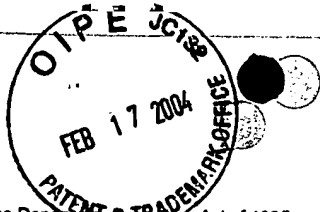
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- ☒ Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17

- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR § 1.27

2. ☐ Payment Enclosed:

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

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101	740	201	370		Utility filing fee	
106	330	206	165		Design filing fee	
107	510	207	255		Plant filing fee	
108	740	208	370		Reissue filing fee	
114	160	214	80		Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

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102	84	202	42		Independent claims in excess of 3	
104	280	204	140		Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
109	84	209	42		** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	65.00
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non - English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee	
144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(q)	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Statement	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS

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This is in response to the Notice of Missing Parts mailed October 3, 2001 with a shortened statutory period set to expire two-months from the mailing date of the Notice.

Enclosed herewith is a declaration and power of attorney that has been duly executed by the inventors, Lawrence W. Kessler, Thomas E. Adams, and Michael G. Oravec. Also enclosed are substitute drawings that comply with the margin requirements of 37 CFR 1.84(g). Authorization is hereby provided to charge Deposit Account No. 23-0920 for the \$65 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e), and for any additional fees that may be required. Overpayments also may be credited to this account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,
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